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COLD REGIONS LAB HOSTS ANTARCTIC ART AND ARTIFACTS

The Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL) will host an exhibit of "Antarctic Art and Artifacts" from the collection of Robert B. Stephenson. This exhibit will run June 19-October 31, 2000.

Robert Stephenson has been collecting Antarctic books, artifacts, and paintings for many years. This exhibit focuses solely on the non-book items in his collection. Items displayed in this particular exhibit include paintings, photographs, maps, sculpture, coins, medals, stamps, cigarette cards, clothing, and other artifacts. And, of course, penguins in all sizes and materials.

Historical highlights of this exhibit are -- matches from Shackleton's Cape Royds hut; Captain Scott's pipe retrieved from the tent where he died on the return from the Pole; wood fragments from Shackleton's *Endurance*; hairs from Byrd's sleeping bag; the sledge harness used by Apsley Cherry-Garrard on the "Worst Journey"; an unopened tin of cocoa from the Cape Evans hut; Shackleton's pipe case, presented to him by the Cabmen of Hyde Park Corner; and much more.

Stephenson is The Antarctic Circle Coordinator, an informal, international group of scholars and knowledgeable amateurs interested or involved in non-scientific Antarctic studies, particularly in such areas as the humanities, literature, bibliography, and the arts.

One of eight laboratories which make up the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Engineer Research and Development Center, CRREL's mission is to gain knowledge of the cold regions through scientific and engineering research, and to put that knowledge to work for the Department of Defense and the Nation. With a field office in Fairbanks, Alaska, CRREL is the only Department of Defense laboratory addressing problems and opportunities unique to the world's cold regions. CRREL is located at 72 Lyme Road (Route 10) in Hanover, N.H.

The exhibit is open to the public without charge, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, please contact Lisa Hoffmeister at (603) 646-4338.

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